

REMARKS

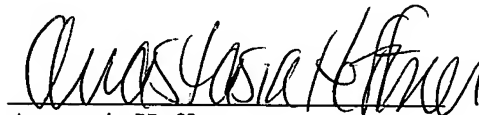
The Examiner has rejected claim 1 as anticipated under § 102(b) by U.S. 4,449,269 to Sundermeier. The Examiner has objected to claims 2-3, but indicated that these would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Applicant has amended claim 1 so that it incorporates the subject matter of claim 2. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable in amended form. Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and therefore is allowable for at least the same reason as claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and grant allowance of this application.

SUMMARY

Pending Claims 1 and 3 as amended are patentable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner grant allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicant via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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